



Harperbury Bowls Club Newsletter 1955 - 2020

FEB 2020



Members are reminded of the club ethos of respecting the right of all club members to participate in club activities free from harassment, abuse and intimidation.

Welcome to 2020!

Well here we are as another decade gets under way seeing us in our 65th year at Harperbury Bowls club.

We are still here with a 25-year lease negotiated and a good strong membership behind us. We are very lucky over the 65 years to have had a lot of members rolling up their sleeves and getting involved with the running and up keep of the club. Things have been moving forward in the winter season with the first lot of ditch repairs completed by the working party, the men's changing room has been given a makeover by Graham and Brenda Down and the green team are getting into their stride as the opening weekend approaches so all is looking good. The roof, guttering and hedges will hopefully be next things to get a makeover once the weather improves. The committee have commissioned our hedge cutters over the next 12 months to thin the hedges out etc to make them easier to cut and get the air flowing across the green.

Dave L has put a report together in this edition to keep members up to date with the work that our working party have carried out. For which, of course, the committee and club members are very grateful.

The plans for our 65th anniversary celebration day on June 13th are underway. It will see a children's game and a friends and family bowls competition with a BBQ and of course Dicey Horse racing to finish. So put the date in your diary and bring your friends and family along for a game of friendly bowls! If the weather is against us we have a contingency day of Sunday 19th July.

The Martin Daly is on SAT 15th AUGUST this year and once again posters will be going up inviting Harperbury teams to enter once we know how many spaces we have once outside teams have entered.

Our club registration night is **17th March from 7pm** where you are invited to pop along, bring your membership and competition form, pay your subs, order shirts, buy a cap and collect your 65th anniversary stickers for your woods. Your membership form is attached with this newsletter.

Committee News.

The committee would like to advise members to be wary when signing official documents re the way the date is written. The advice is to always write the year in full – 2020- if we just put 9/3/20 it could be altered very easily by adding a number after the year - 9/3/2019. Be careful out there!

When the latest Health and Safety check was carried out re cleaning products for our COSHH folder it became apparent that we have cleaning products in the club that have not been listed. All products contain different chemicals and all products require a COSHH sheet incase liquids are ingested, get on skin etc . So the club will be buying the products in bulk that are needed for cleaning the club and they will be kept in the cupboard by the bar. If they are running low please let Sheila or Sue know. Please do not bring your own cleaning products or buy any different products.

The rink booking folder is now a pink folder with weekly pages. If you book a rink and then don't need it please use the white stickers to remove your name so that others can book the rink if needed.

As always your help is required to get the club ready for the season and there will be a list of jobs up in the club. If you can help please put your name down next to a job and complete it between Tues 14th April – Fri 17th April ready for the first game on SAT 18th APRIL. The carpets will be cleaned on Friday 17th after whist finishes on Thurs 16th.

Members are reminded that the rinks will be available for role ups or games Mondays from 2pm until dusk as the Green team will be busy doing their stuff Monday mornings and Tues – Sunday from 10am until dusk .

The rink booking diary has had a 'Deb makeover' and will now be an A4 pink folder with sheets. See pictures enclosed in this newsletter. It can be found on the table in the club with all of our other folders.

A massive thank you to Brenda and Graham for the transformation of the men's changing room. It looks amazing.

The tea and cleaning rota's are being put together. If you have any holiday dates sorted between April and Sept let Deb know so she can avoid allocating you on your holiday dates when sorting out the rota.

De- Fib update

Come along to a session, you never know when you might be needed to help



We will be running through the use of the De fib with a quick run through of CPR and what to do in an emergency in March.

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

10.30 followed by tea and biscuits.

Poster up in the Club.

The houses are going up quickly and people are moving in!



This lot of mad walkers have been out and about again!



As we move into 2020 it is important for club members to know what the working party have been doing to improve the club for us all. Dave L has been heading up the working party and with the hard work of several club members, ladies and gents, the list of work completed is impressive and has saved the club A LOT of money.

Dave has provided this section to highlight the past and current programme of "Work Party" activity that's taken place over the last few seasons. There have been so many - all in the interest of continuous improvement for our club and its members thankfully to the free time, skill and expert knowledge provided by members involved, sometimes over 3/4 mornings a week including weekends.

To all those involved past and present – a huge thank you from Dave, the committee and the members.

Regulars (1/2/3 days a week) - Ken Kauder, Mike Langley, Robbie Ransted, Sue Allen, John Gilson, Aaron Langley, Graham & Brenda Down and of course Dave L.

Past helpers during 2019- George Tutt, Peter Carvin, Geoff Carr, Tony Plummer. My apologies to anyone missed.

Listed below are the jobs Dave L can remember - In no order:

- Removal of rat-infested wooden bowls and machinery sheds and assembled new metal sheds standing on raised concrete bases including storage racking for bowls equipment – (Concrete base and labour supplied by Bloor).
- Removal of damp and insect infested wall interiors on two sides of the kitchen building and with generous outside assistance in re-plastering the main wall to provide a smooth base for tiling and the installation of our new kitchen.
- Installation of new kitchen cabinets, tiling, worktops plus plumbing, electric's, and hot water system. Assisted by family friends etc when specific skills were required.
- Installed 5 additional water storage tanks as a back-up supply for our green sprinkler system diverting rainwater drainage from our club house roof.
- Installed new treated wall cladding on front and rear end of our clubhouse.
- Reinforced and secured all gaps along the rear side hedgerows with metal HERRIS fencing (provided by Bloor).
- Assisted contractors in laying and back filling of trenches in supplying new underground water pipes servicing all areas of the bowling green.
- Repositioned water sprinkler jets to allow full and even coverage of the bowling green.
- Laid 2 ton of pea shingle including membrane to create a weed free work and storage area at the rear end of our property.
- Treated all outside clubhouse walls with wood preserver including new fascia boards.
- Laid paving slabs in the chemical mixing and storage enclosure for easier access with heavy machinery also adding new water supply.
- Hand-made and installed new security gates including locks and fittings to all entrances of our property front and rear.
- Installed green waste compost containers to the rear of our car park.
- Fitted two new 6 x 6 feet fence panels to the corners of the bowling green.
- Installed a new drainage soak away area for machine cleaning and chemical disposal.
- Concreted sloped access area to the green for machinery and disabled access.
- Made and installed new upholstered back support rails in ladies changing room including installation of new benches.
- Repaired clubhouse roof leaks through weather damage and treated framework.
- Numerous repairs to caved in ditch boards mainly on the south side – Ongoing.
- Upgrading and repainting of all wooden benches throughout our grounds – Ongoing.
- Upgrade and complete refurbishment of both Ladies & Gents toilets including new fittings and lino – now 5*rating.
- Upgrade of all interior electrics and water supply.
- Numerous rubbish picking days in our car park courtesy of contractors and joy riders looking for a secluded parking area late at night - Ongoing.
- New hand-made wooden rink markers fitted with reversible white and yellow illuminous numbers for easier identification.
- Fixed waste bins relocated.

- Reduced ditch mats throughout the entire green to the correct width preventing "Jack's" from bouncing back into play.
- Winner's trophy boards fitted to Club ceilings due to restricted space.
- Outside Team Sheet notice board refurbished and now readable.
- Extra 10 car parking spaces now available due to extensive tree and shrub clearance
- New security metal gate fitted to front entrance (Now double the original height).
- Collapsing worktops in the bar replaced.
- Obsolete paving slabs relocated throughout our grounds including Fire route exit.
- Constructed a wood store at rear of clubhouse for ongoing projects.
- Constructed a new gate from re-cycled fencing to screen off our BBQ area.
- Extra storage shelf fitted to broom cupboard.
- New ladder rack constructed at the rear end of clubhouse with chained security
- Anchor points installed for Butane Gas Cylinders (Re H&S)
- Corn flower beds located near front entrance removed (Re H&S).
- Yellow painted lines applied to all hazardous areas (Re H&S).

December 2019

- Fitted new slabs to machinery shed entrance preventing mud and grass transfer.
- Made sub-frame for new turf bed – Awaiting location and instalment.
- Constructed sample ditch board awaiting EC approval – (Costs, Funding, Install).
- Clubhouse roof survey to identify damage through wear and tear.
- Dismantled old 3-roller hand machine to assess & replace damaged parts – Ongoing.

Ongoing Projects – subject to Committee Approval.

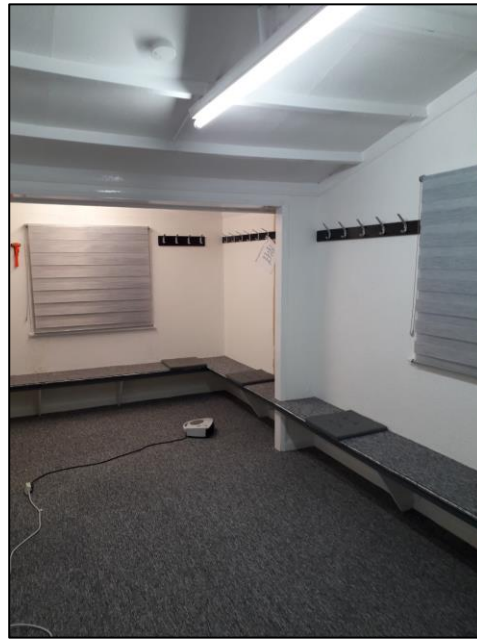
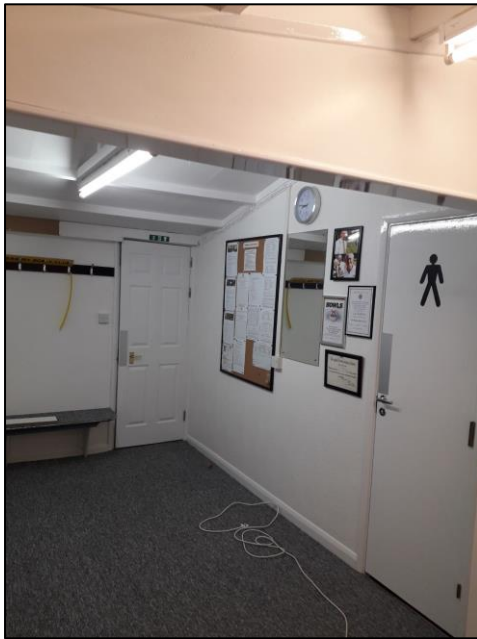
- Due to heavy subsidence of soil erosion and subsequent damage to the entire south bank/ditch boards, a plan of action has been formulated to replace the ditch boards along the entire south bank. This includes fitting new artificial grass on face sides and secured with metal fixing stakes and brackets including a back wall of concrete.

This project has now been completed saving the club thousands of pounds and taking the team an estimated 384 hours to complete.



With the work completed on the latest ditch project the difference is AMAZING! What a great job.....

To assist the draining there have been 2 more flower beds added. If you would like to get your hands on one of them and add your gardening visions to the club please let a committee member know.



Social events

12th October – Ashbury Golf/bowls break Mon – Fri.

Plenty to do if not a golfer – have a look on line. Okehampton Manor/Ashbury.

Going So far ... Deb, Dave, Peter, Gillian, Graham and Brenda.

Potters in March/April 2021 Mon – Friday entering the bowls comp for those that want to. Date to be decided once we know rooms required and availability.

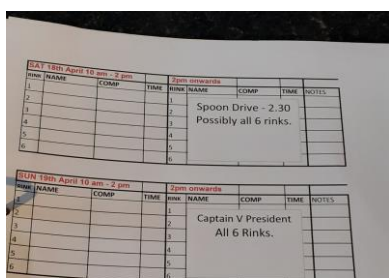
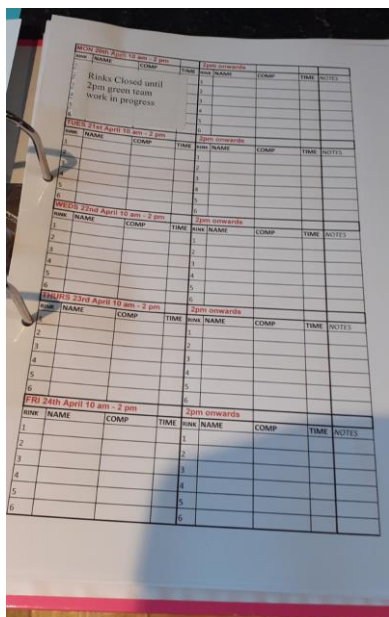
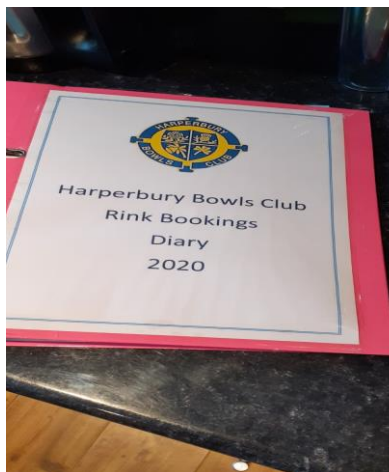
OCTOBER – Tina Turner the musical. Keep your eyes out for the poster.

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER – Presentation eve.

The transformed men's changing room and the hard working green team.



New style – Rink Booking Diary



Captains report Deb Trollope

Well I think it is fair to say we did ourselves proud again with the indoor season games.

The Hatfield game saw 4 rinks playing and again it was close. We lost by just 6 shots. Our top rink was **Tim A, Geoff, Barbara and Maggie** who won by 12 shots.

Our last game against Watford IBC saw 6 triples come out to play with Sheila taking the game. **Top rink was Peter F John W and Sheila R.** Overall we lost by 25 shots but on some rinks it was very close with only a couple of shots in it.

Our first weekend of bowls starts on Saturday 18th April with a spoon drive (lots of Chocolate to win) and on the Sunday it is President V Captain. As always we will be asking members to supply a plate of something for tea. There will be team sheets and a food sheet up on the board soon.

Dave L (as vice-captain taking the weekday games) and I look forward to your continued support throughout the season. If you are a new bowler the best way to understand the game and get to know everyone is to enter the in house competitions and the friendly games. A fixtures list will be available at the registration eve on 17th March so pop along, put your membership form in, pay your subs along with competition entries and see what you can put your name down for. Look out for the **'Pink'** rink booking diary and handle with care please so that it lasts the whole season.

Thanks

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The role of the GREEN RANGER.

The GREEN RANGER is to act as a conduit between the green team and all other members of Harperbury Bowls club (including all committee members).

The reason for this role is to ensure that any and all matters that may arise out of the work carried out by the Green Team, either from the Green Team themselves or from any other member, are recorded when necessary and addressed in the appropriate manner.

The committee felt this role was best suited to the Chair of the committee.

So if any member has any queries or comments about the work of the Green Team or the condition of the green, that member should speak to the Green Ranger please.